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DOTD announces 2013 Mardi Gras ferry schedule

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Due to large crowds expected Saturday, February 9, through Tuesday, February 12, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announces the ferry schedule for the 2013 Mardi Gras.

During periods of high passenger volume, the vessels will not maintain a normal departure schedule. Departures during these periods will be dictated by the numbers of passengers boarding the vessels and will be coordinated by DOTD personnel controlling passenger access in the ferry terminals

Algiers Point/Canal Street Crossing

FRI FEB 8

- One vessel all day
- Vehicles carried all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from Algiers Point: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from Canal Street: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from Algiers Point: 12:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Canal Street: 12:15 a.m.

SAT FEB 9

- One vessel 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., then two vessels the rest of the day
- Vehicles carried until 11:15 a.m. (last vehicles loaded from west bank 11:00 a.m., from Canal St. 11:15 a.m.; (Tolls **WILL** be collected) AFTER THIS TIME, NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED
- First trip from Algiers Point: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from Canal Street: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from Algiers Point: 12:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Canal Street: 12:15 a.m.

SUN FEB 10

- One vessel 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., then two vessels the rest of the day
- Vehicles carried until 11:15 a.m. (last vehicles loaded from west bank 11:00 a.m., from Canal St. 11:15 a.m.; (Tolls **WILL** be collected) AFTER THIS TIME, NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED
- First trip from Algiers Point: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from Canal Street: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from Algiers Point: 12:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Canal Street: 12:15 a.m.

MON FEB 11

- Two vessels all day

- Vehicles carried until 11:15 a.m. (last vehicles loaded from west bank 11:00 a.m., from Canal St. 11:15 a.m.; (Tolls **WILL** be collected) AFTER THIS TIME, NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED
- Out of service for any other river activities if so instructed by USCG)
- First trip from Algiers Point: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from Canal Street: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from Algiers Point: 12:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Canal Street: 12:15 a.m.

TUE FEB 12

- Two vessels all day
- No vehicles carried all day
- First trip from Algiers Point: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from Canal Street: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from Algiers Point: 12:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Canal Street: 12:15 a.m.

Gretna/Canal Street Crossing

FRI FEB 8

- One vessel all day PEDESTRIAN ONLY: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED
- First trip from Gretna: 6:30 a.m.
- First trip from Canal St.: 7:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Gretna: 11:30 p.m.
- Last trip from Canal St. midnight

SAT FEB 9

- One vessel all day PEDESTRIAN ONLY: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED
- First trip from Gretna: 12:45 p.m.
- First trip from Canal St.: 1:00 p.m.
- Last trip from Gretna: 11:30 p.m.
- Last trip from Canal St. midnight

SUN FEB 10

- One vessel all day PEDESTRIAN ONLY: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED
- First trip from Gretna: 12:45 p.m.
- First trip from Canal St.: 1:00 p.m.
- Last trip from Gretna: 11:30 p.m.
- Last trip from Canal St. midnight

MON FEB 11

- One vessel all day PEDESTRIAN ONLY: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED
- First trip from Gretna: 6:30 a.m.
- First trip from Canal St.: 7:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Gretna: 11:30 p.m.
- Last trip from Canal St. midnight

TUE FEB 12

- One vessel all day PEDESTRIAN ONLY: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED

- First trip from Gretna: 6:30 a.m.
- First trip from Canal St.: 7:00 a.m.
- Last trip from Gretna: 11:30 p.m.
- Last trip from Canal St. midnight

Lower Algiers/Chalmette Crossing

FRI FEB 8

- One vessel all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from West bank: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from East bank: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from West bank: 8:30 p.m.
- Last trip from East bank: 8:45 p.m.

SAT FEB 9

- One vessel all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from West bank: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from East bank: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from West bank: 8:30 p.m.
- Last trip from East bank: 8:45 p.m.

SUN FEB 10

- One vessel all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from West bank: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from East bank: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from West bank: 8:30 p.m.
- Last trip from East bank: 8:45 p.m.

MON FEB 11

- One vessel all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from West bank: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from East bank: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from West bank: 8:30 p.m.
- Last trip from East bank: 8:45 p.m.

TUE FEB 12

- One vessel all day (Tolls **WILL** be collected)
- First trip from West bank: 6:00 a.m.
- First trip from East bank: 6:15 a.m.
- Last trip from West bank: 8:30 p.m.
- Last trip from East bank: 8:45 p.m.

More information about the CCCD ferries can be found at www.dotd.louisiana.gov/operations/cccd/ or by calling (504) 376-8100. Travelers can also follow the ferries on Twitter.com at Canal_Ferry, Chalmette_Ferry and Gretna_Ferry. For traffic information, dial 511 or visit www.511la.org. Out-of-state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511).

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For more information, please visit www.dotd.la.gov, email dotdcs@la.gov, or call DOTD's Customer Service Center at (225) 379-1232 or 1-877-4LADOTD (1-877-452-3683). Business hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Motorists can access up-to-date travel information by dialing 511 or by visiting www.511la.org. Out of-state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511)



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